## SUPPLY FOF A CENTURY

SHELBY COUNT AUDITOR SAYS HE HAS STATONERY ENOUGH.

Resists Mandge to Issue the War-High rants - Princton Burned-Grat Gas Pumps Started.

Special to the Idianapolis Journal.

SHELBYVILE, Ind., Dec. 28.-The county cound will meet to-morrow to consider the quation of borrowing money, to pay the commissioners' allowances. It Wilson gay a mortgage of \$24,000 to his bondsmen to cover overgrafts upon the various fuds.

At a secial session, the county board of Comaissioners allowed the Shelby Democra bills for stationery and printing, time, no children were in the building. amountig to \$1,100. Auditor Altman refused p draw the warrants. The Ray sisters owners of the Democrat, asked for | Special to the Indianapolis Journal. a manate to compel Altman to issue the

### GREAT MONTH FOR WORK.

#### Great Increase in the Oil Industry During December.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MONTPELIER, Ind., Dec. 28.-The month of December in the Indiana field is one of interest, and shows that the winter weather has not affected the operations of is the largest month of the present season in completed work, and when the annual report is published in a few days it will show the great activity that has been displayed in the State during the year. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in the producing of the crude product in this State the present year, and it is nothing to what will be spent the coming season if the market quotations continue above the dollar mark. During the month 266 wells were completed, with a daily output of 4,235 barrels, or an average per well per day of 201-7 barrels. The dry holes and gas wells number 56, the same as the previous month. During the month the casing was pulled from 39 wells and removed to other locations and used for the putting down of other wells, saving a great deal for the operator. The Indiana field has done nobly this season, as there were five months during the present season in which over 200 wells were com pleted. They were July, September, October, November and the present month. The large increase of the month is due to the activity in Wells and Grant counties, as well as the outside counties. The other counties show but little change. The increase in Wells county alone is eleven completed wells, and in Grant county thirteen completed wells. The annual report should be read by all. The following shows a comparison for the work the past two

-Summary of Completed Wells.-December. November. Com. Pro. Dry. Com. Pro. Dry

63 Blackford ... 27 Jay ...... 14 Adams ...... 13 Grant ..... 47 Huntington .. 9 Madison ..... ...... Delaware .... Marion ..... Wabash ..... Miscellaneous 44 Totals ......266 4,235 56 239 Increase completed wells, 27. Increase new production, barrels, 865. Abandoned wells, 39

-Drilling Wells and Rigs Up .-Drg. Rig. Tot. Drg. Rig. Tot. 13 Grant ..... 29 Huntington .... 6 Marion ..... Miscellaneous . 47 128 Decrease rigs up and building ..... 3

Net increase in new work......27 Great Pumping Station Started.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 28.-The Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company, the corporation which is piping gas to Chicago, started the machinery in its new pumping station near Fairmount, Grant county, today. This is said to be the largest natural gas pumping plant in the world. It is used in forcing gas to Chicago through three ten-inch mains, laid parallel in the same trench, the entire distance of 145 miles. One of the three pipes has just been laid, and it was to force the increased amount of Henry Reese, old resident of the county. gas to its destination the Fairmount pumping station was made. This pumping plant, which cost nearly a million dollars, has a tremendous propelling force. The precise capacity of the compressors is not known, but its power is developed by thirty-six eighty years of age. 500-horse power boilers.

Probable Competition at Richmond. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 28 .- A proposition is pending between the City Council and the Cambridge City Natural Gas Company by which the latter may enter the field as a competitor with the local company. The increased rate of 25 cents per thousand has caused the Council to take action to bring in a new company.

## INTERESTS ARE POOLED.

#### Printers Said to Be Parceling Out the County Contracts.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HARTFORD CITY, IND., Dec. 28 .- There is little doubt that the leaung printing and stationery concerns in the State are in combination and have apportioned the county business to suit themselves. Yesterday afternoon the Blackford County Commissioner, who had advertised for bids for county work, received only one bid. That was placed by W. B. Burford & Co., of Indianapolis, through a local representa-An agent of the E. J. Marsh Printing and Binding Company, of Portland, supposed to be an anti-trust concern, was here, but after a conference with the Burford representative did not file a bid. The Sentinel Printing Company, of Indianapolis, which for years has not failed to bid, did not respond when invited to do so. At the letting of the Delaware county ontract, day before yesterday, the Sentinel put in a bid, but failed to send a and, so the tender was not accepted. A

here yesterday did not hesitate to assert that the Sentinel Printing Company and Washington township. Wayne county. B. Burford & Co., of Indianapolis. and Wilson, Humphreys & Co., of Logansport, have pooled their interests and have made arrangements with Cincinnati and Chicago stationery concerns not to compete with these companies, if they, in turn, do not enter the Indiana field. The Burford Company's bid is higher than the stationery has ever cost the county

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING BURNED.

#### A Loss of Twenty-One Thousand Dollars at Princeton.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 28.-The high school building here was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is \$21,000, with \$8,000 insurance, distributed as follows: Aetna, \$5,000; Germania, \$2,000; Phoenix, \$2,000; Nawas rumord here to-day, that Treasurer | tional of Hartford, \$2,000. The "dry closet" system was used in the building, and the burning out of the closets caused the fire. The closets are burned out three times a year, and never before has any trouble | 0.0 francs for the best life-saving device in been experienced. The fire was not discovered until it had enveloped the four stories of the building in flames. Being vacation

#### Allowances by Agreement.

LEBANON, Ind., Dec. 28.-The final act warraits. To-day Altman filed his answer, in settlement of the Boone county courtstating that the bills were fraudulent and house litigation was recorded this aftercontary to law, the allowances having noon. Attorneys' claims and architects' beer made when the county fund was al- claims were allowed, the amounts having realy \$16,000 overdrawn. He alleges that been agreed upon by the attorneys and the suplies were furnished sufficiently to last citizens' committee which had charge of a lentury, at ten times their actual value, the fight against the new courthouse. The with no contract nor order from the com- architects, Boll & Taylor, of Cincinnati, pissioners. Auditor Altman resists, as a had filed a claim for \$7,000, the allowance fondholder and taxpayer, the payment of was \$1,525. The attorneys' claims, as origiany part of the bill, and is represented by | nally filed, amounted to \$3,845. By agreenearly every Democratic attorney in ment the allowance is \$1,700. The allowances are as follows: Elliott & Elliott, of Indianapolis, \$350; Smith & morbley, of Indianapolis, \$250; Kane & Kane, of Nobles-ville, \$200; C. M. Z.on, of this city, \$450; H. C. Ulen, of this city, \$475.

#### Big Claim Against the Panhandle. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28 .-Thomas O'Laughiin to-day filed suit in the Circuit Court here against the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway tiff alleges that while in the employ of the company at Louisville he was struck by a dump cart belonging to the company, receiving injuries in the abdomen which will prove permanent. He also alleges that he had previously warned the foreman under whom he worked that the machinery was defective. O'Laughlin lives in this city.

#### Standard Oil Collector Robbed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 28.-S. A. Rose, collector for the Standard Oil Company, was robbed of \$215 at Greentown last night Rose, whose home is at Logansport, had collected a bill from the Greentown Glass Company, and was walking along the railroad from the factory to town, when two men came from behind a freight car and poked a revolver in his face, demanding his money. Rose was then relieved of the cash and pushed under a car. The robbers escaped. In the darkness Rose was unable to identify his assailants.

#### Block Miners Want an Advance.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 28.-The block-coal miners will meet here on the 4th of next month to select delegates to the national convention at Indianapolis, Jan. 25, when the work of adopting a new scale will be taken up. It is the consensus of opinion among the miners here that a determined stand will be made for an advance of 20 upon this advance.

## Judgment Against Ex-Treasurer.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.-The jury in the case of Morgan county against ex-Treasurer Perry Lankford for recovery of money retained by him has returned a Mr. Lankford is well to do and has a score of the best citizens of Morgan county on his bond

#### Sentenced for Attempted Murder. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

FRANKLIN, Ind., Dec. 28.-Dan Sanders, a young farmer, was to-day convicted of attempting to kill Rutledge Glover, an citizen of Franklin. He was given a sentence of two to fourteen years in the Michigan City prison. The jury was out two days before returning a verdict.

## Boy Killed by Electric Car.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 28.-Ralph Lingle, aged thirteen years, was killed by an electric street car this evening. He climbed from the river over the bank upon the track, not seeing the approaching car. His head was crushed.

## Indiana Obituary.

LIBERTY, Ind., Dec. 28.-Capt. Silas D. Byram, postmaster at this place, died at his home, at 7 o'clock his morning, of \$8,016,218; 1898, \$7,954,097; 1899, \$10,029,783. paralysis, aged seventy-one years. He was a life-long resident of this place. He was a veteran of the civil war from which he returned a captain. He has been twice appointed postmaster, first under Harrison's administration, and again under McKinley. Captain Byram was a member of the Masonic order, under whose auspices the funeral will be held. Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, assisted by Duvall Post, No. 188, G. A. R., conducted by the Rev. D. W. Parks, of the Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. L. F. Drash, of the Christian

DUBLIN, Ind., Dec. 28.-William C. Hall, sixty-eight years old, a wealthy farmer and leading Friend of this vicinity, died at his home in Franklin township last night. He was a Knight Templar and member of the Grand Army, and served during the civil war in Company A, Thirty-sixth Indiana Infantry. He was township trustee several years. His widow and three chillren survive him. Interment will be Friday. JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28 .-McCormick, a prominent citizen of

Mrs. C. B. McCormick, wife of Clarence Charlestown, died this afternoon of consumption. She was twenty-eight years old and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 28.-Amos Leamon, of this city, died to-day. He was one of the pioneers of the county. He was an old soldier and was, for many years, a minister

ROCKVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.-Elias W. Siler, of Bloomingdale, sixty-four years the fire. Mr. Siler was a dwarf, but three feet eight inches in height. He left a considerable estate.

## Indiana Notes.

The Danville Dispatch, a semi-weekly publication by F. E. Warner, has suspended for lack of support.

The sixteen-year-old son of Oscar Stoner. of Garrett, was drowned at Defiance, O. He was skating and broke through the ice. Theodore Todd, who lives near Warsaw, had his right arm pulled off in a feedmill yesterday. He is not expected to recover. The janitor of the Montgomery county courthouse has refused permision to the Mormon missionaries to use the building for their services.

The Midland railway shops at Muncie have been completed and most of the machinery has been installed. The motive power will be compressed air. E. C. Smith, of Frankfort, a Clover

Leaf freight conductor, had both legs cut off by the cars near Crawfordsville yes-Harry Pedro, twenty-two year; old, had

his left arm ground off to the elbow in a corn sheller yesterday near Darlington. The arm was amputated, but Pedro is hardly expected to recover. Citizens of Franklin met yesterday and organized a commercial club for the betterment of the city's business interests. Austin Blizzard was elected president and

A. N. Crecraft secretary. Thomas J. Graves, artificer of Company C. Seventeenth Infantry, who was the rebond, so the tender was not accepted. A cipient of a medal of honor the other day pressed a desir representative of one of the companies at Manila for heroic conduct at Caney in in the matter.

the Santiago campaign, is a native of Porter A. Kennedy, a wealthy Clay county farmer, who drew \$5,000 from the bank last week and has since been declared to be insane, told his relatives yesterday that he burned the money so none of them would get it.

The "Y's" of the W. C. T. U. of Vigo county are in convention at Terre Haute. Miss Clara Sears, of Anderson, will read a paper to-day on "Bible Reading." Vincennes superintendent will read a paper on "Sabbath Observance."

#### CHANCE FOR INVENTORS.

100,000 Francs Offered for Best Life-Saving Device.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-Commissioner General Ferdinand W. Peck received from the Paris exposition officials to-day the final regulations governing the competition for the Anthony Pollok memorial prize of 100,disasters at sea. Mr. Pollok, a prominent attorney of Washington, with his wife, perished in the sinking of the French liner La Bourgogne off Sable island on July 4, 1898. His heirs and friends founded the prize to his memory. The competition is to be open to the world and will be judged by an international jury. The juror on behalf of this country is Lieut. W. S. Sims, naval attache of the United States embassy at Paris.

The regulations state the devices may be exhibited, but that working models or drawings to reduced scale will also be accepted. In all cases exhibitors will be required to furnish detailed descriptions of construction, method of manufacture, nomenclature, kinds and quantities of materials used, dimensions and weights of all parts, estimated cost, description of method of using, claims of the inventor for device in full, whether it or any of its parts is covered by letters patent or caveat in any country; if patented, where, with registered number, whether used, and if so, when and where. The jury may require trials and tests, all expenses of which shall be borne by the exhibitors.

## OUR TRADE WITH RUSSIA

KINGDOM ARE INCREASING.

Valued at Over Ten Million Dollars This Year Against \$2,447,414 in 1893-British Reports.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-American goods, and especially American manufactures, are making rapid gains in popularity in Russia. This fact is shown not only by the increased total of our exports to that country, but by the warnings which the consular representatives of other nations in Russia are sending to their home governments respecting the popularity of American goods and the success of American merchants in their business methods. British consuls in Russia have recently sent to their government a series of statements on this subject, copies of which have just been received by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, and from which the following extracts are taken:

The British consul at Kieff in his report says: "While Germany is talked about as our greatest rival in the markets of the cents on the ton. The delegates from this world, there does not seem to be the same city probably will be instructed to insist attention paid to the rapidly developing competition of America. The strides America is making are startlingly apparent in the foreign trade. The agricultural machinery trade is practically controlled by America, the trade in duplex and other steam pumps is more or less American, the introduction of improved machine tools is due to America, which is now reaping the benefit of practical ideas combined with utility, and now the supply of fixed verdict claiming \$1,176.72 for the county. | steam engines to the foreign markets is being energetically pushed. The British consul at Odesas writes:

'Cycles of English make are held in high esteem, but they are distanced by American machines. Our cousins across the Atlantic can supply good cycles 40 per cent. cheaper than those of English make, and can, therefore, easily undersell the latter. The reason for this difference in ice is to be found in the fact that the American bicycles have many of those parts cast which in English machines are

Speaking of the popularity of American agricultural machinery in Russia, the British consul general at Odessa says: "In reapers and binders America still enjoys the monopoly of this market. Hand reapers still command a ready sale, though they are gradually being superseded by self-reapers and binders." general also quotes the British consul at Kieff as saying that "grass mowers, reapers and horserakes-all of American make-found a ready sale. Horse threshing machines and horse gears were in good

The following table shows the exports from the United States to Russia in each year from 1893 to 1899: 1893, \$2,447,414; 1894, \$6,991,330; 1895, \$6,162,793; 1896, \$8,064,652; 1897,

TRUSTS NOT DANGEROUS, ACCORD-ING TO PROF. SIDNEY SHERWOOD.

They Require Able Leadership, and Thus Monopolize Men Skilled in

the Science of Economy.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 28.-To-day's session of the American Economic Association was devoted to a discussion of trusts. All of the speakers thought a general tendency toward combinations in the nature of trusts to be inevitable. One of the most interesting papers on the question was read by Prof. Sydney Sherwood, of Johns Hopkins University. After expressing the opinion that the tendency toward combinaof the Christian Church. He was nearly tions of capital was natural and remarking that he welcomed it as being but a step in the complete organization of inold, died this morning while sitting before | dustry, he said: "Successful industry today requires, as never before, larger and more complex organization. The costly wastes of modern production are due to a scarcity of able leavers of enterprises. It is a function of the trust to get rid of the weak. It is the natural and spontaneous effect of progressional industrial organization to get the genius at its head which has produced the trust. The stability of the trust depends upon its getting and keeping the highest of leadership. real monopoly element in the trust is the monopoly of genius. Our future economic supremacy will probably depend upon trusts. A wise policy is to increase their possibilities for good, while diminishing their possibilities for evil, through effectual legislation." Prof. Sherwood defined his position as that of a capitalist rather than

an optimist Mr. James B. Dill delivered an address on "Some Tendencies in Recent Combinations fined the first danger to be from without terday and died before he could be taken | the trust rather than from within and to he in "unwise and hysterical legislation against corporations indiscriminately. Those hasty denunciations, he said, are o more real peril than the trust itself. The speaker went on to outline the dangers which would result if corporations and trusts were to be permitted to continue the issue of fictitious stock, and he said the one great remedy for all evils arising out of trusts and like combinations was summed up in the word "publicity." speaker ridiculed the attempts which have been made in this and other States to require publicity in corporate affairs and expressed a desire that Congress should act

## INTERRED IN ARLINGTON

REMAINS OF 150 VICTIMS OF THE MAINE DISASTER.

Exercises Attended by the President. Cabinet and Other Officials-Captain Sigsbee in Charge.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- The remains of the 150 victims of the Maine disaster, brought from Havana by the battleship Texas, were buried to-day with full military honors on a knoll in Arlington Cemtery. The exercises were exceedingly simple. They were in charge of Captain Sigsbee, now of the Texas, who was captain of the Maine on that fateful night when the ship was blown up in Havana harbor about two years ago. They were attended by President McKinley and members of his Cabinet, Admiral Dewey, Major General Miles and his staff and many other officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington. Among them were Lieutenant Commander Wainwright and Lieutenant F. C. Bowers, both of whom were on the Maine when the explosion occurred. All the army and navy officers were in full uniform. Several troops of cavalry from Fort Myer, a battalion of marines from the navy yard and a detachment of sailors from the Texas were drawn about the flag-draped caskets, which were ranged row on row on the brow of the hill. each bearing a beautiful wreath.

Despite the snow and nipping cold over a thousand spectators pressed against the rope-lined inclosure to witness the ceremonies. The Marine Band played a dirge, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and the simof the Naval Academy, and Father Chidthe drill to any great extent. December Company for \$20,000 damages. The plain- AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THE CZAR'S ing the square in which the coffins lay be- for example, not only secures to United The ceremonies lasted barely twenty minutes. draped coffins before the ceremonies began,

A cabinet officer, surveying the flag-"The lives of those men cost Spain her colonies." But there was no note of triumph in the grim scene to-day. With a touch of sadness and solemn gravity, the Nation performed its duty to the dead and gave its defenders a Chrictian burial at home in soil hallowed by patriotic dead. A soft mantle of snow covered the earth, muffling the beat of the horses' hoofs, the slow turning carriage wheels and the tramp of soldiers and sailors as they approached the burial place.

The site is a commanding one. In front the broad bosom of the ice fettered Potomac; beyond, the shaft of Washington, the dome of the Capitol and the sprawling city; to the right the choked embrasures of old Fort McPherson and between the graves of the heroic dead of Santiago; to the left the stately mansion of Lee, and to the rear, through the vistas of snow-laden pines and cedars, the silent army of the patriotic dead of the civil war sleeping, rank upon rank, in their last bivouac. Among those attending the exercises were many relatives and friends of the dead. There was a tender appropriateness in the fact that Captain Sigsbee had charge and that Father Chidwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, was there to perform the last rites. Three others who lived through that awful night in Havana harbor were at the side of the graves of their comrades, Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, who was executive officer of the Maine and who sunk the Pluton and the Furor at Santiago; Lieutenant F. C. Bowers, who was assistant engineer of the Maine, and Jeremiah Shea, a fireman on the Maine, who was blown out of the stoke

Slowly, solemnly the full Marine Band broke the deep hush, putting forth the sad, sweet strains of the dirge "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and there were twitching of lips and wet eyes, as Chaplain Clark. of the Naval Academy at Annapolis came forward and took his place in front of the dead. The Protestant services were held first and were very simple. Chaplain Clark read the burial service of the Episcopal Church and then gave way to Father Chidwick, who was assisted by Revs. Holoind and Brown and two purple-robed acolytes. With head bared to the wintry blast, the Maine's chaplain read a memcrial service according to the rites of the Catholic Church, consigned the dead, blessed the ground, repeated the Lord's prayer and concluded with a fervent appeal for the repose of the souls of the departed. A detachment of marines in command of Captain Kormony, then marched to the right of the graves and fired three volleys over the dead, and in the deep stillness notes of the bugle rang out the soldiers' and sailors' last good night. With the sounding of taps the ceremonies ended. The President and his party and the other distinguished guests, the military and the crowds then withdrew. Before leaving, Captain Sigsbee introduced Jeremiah Shea to the President. When asked for an explanation of the mystery of his escape, by

guess I must have been an armor piercing And thus, after two years, the dead of the Maine have been brought home, and in ground reserved for the Nation's heroes, have been buried with full military honors and in the service of their faith.

In Memory of the Richest Duke. LONDON, Dec. 29.-Impressive memorial services in honor of the late Duke of Westminster were held in Westminster Abbey to-day. Representatives of Emperor William and most of the English royal personages were present. Albani sang a solo. A. J. Balfour, the diplomatic corps and many other notables also attended. There was a similar service in Chester Cathedral. The Queen's representatives and all the municipal and county boides were present. Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy, was among those who attended. The ashes of the Duke of Westminster, whose remains were cremated at Woking Cemetery Dec. 24, were to-day privately interred in the churchyard of Eaton Hall Chesire, in the presence of his relatives and the Marquis of Lorne, representing Queen Victoria.

## PREHISTORIC MONSTER

Petrified Alligator or Lizard Found in a Chilean Harbor.

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 28.-A fossil, evidently prehistoric, and a cross between an alligator and a lizard, was found at Caldar, a suburb of Chila, by Arthur Mc-Kenzie, Aug. 26 last, lying on a sunken rock near the North beach. He reported the find to the authorities, and by order of the intendente, Senor Carlos Sayago, it was lifted out of the water in sections and brought ashore, where it was photographed. It is now being boxed preparatory to removing it to Valparaiso. Evidently an uncommonly low tide, at the time of the discovery, had washed back the sand, which perhaps had covered the fossil for many years, and left it exposed to view. It is believed to weigh about six twenty-eight feet eleven inches in length. The head is nine feet long and the tail is fourteen feet eleven inches long. Across the back it measures nine feet nine inches The fossil is well petrified and has considerable stone or "loza" hanging to it.

Once Wealthy, Now a Vagrant. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-John Houseman eighty-three years old, who says he was once a wealthy man in Sacramento, Cal. was taken to the workhouse to-day to serve three months for vagrancy. He had been committed on Tuesday last, but became sick in his cell and had to be removed to Bellevue Hospital. It was found that he was suffering from phthisis. Housepan said that while a young man he had amassed a comfortable fortune. He was the day and performing her household du-

come East. He says he has been rambling about New York for two years.

### PINGREE'S WORK IN VAIN.

Object of Special Session of Legislature Defeated in the Senate.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 28 .- The Senate, late this afternoon, by a vote of 16 to 13, killed the Pingree joint resolution for the submission of a constitutional amendment permitting amending of the state tax laws, which had passed the House. The Senate has adopted a resolution to adjourn tomorrow at noon. The large number of votes against the proposition was a great

## THE ARGENTINE TREATY

ITS EFFECT WILL NOT BE INJURI-OUS TO THE WOOL INTERESTS.

Many Concessions in Favor of American Products-Armor Plate for Russian Warships Tested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- The following official statement of facts respecting the Argentine convention is given out for public information and to correct misapprehensions in respect to the effect of the treaty on the wool interest:

"The Argentine tariff system involves not only a fixed and high rate of duties on imports, but also provides for an aforo, or valuation, which is to be fixed from time to time by executive authority. By this system duties are often effectually in creased without any new legislation, and at the will of executive officers. The obple Protestant and Roman Catholic funeral | ject of the United States was, therefore, services were conducted by Chaplaia Clark to obtain reductions of the tariff on our exports as far as possible, and to reduce the aforo, or else to establish a valuation wick, the chaplain of the Maine, under a beyond which they could not go as the canvas canopied shelter, the open space fac- basis for assessing duties. The convention, side their open graves. After a religious States exporters a reduction on Oregon salute of three blank volleys for the dead all kinds of undressed lumber, but fixes the aforo, and on Oregon and yellow pine reduces it over 40 per cent

Other articles on which the duty and aforo are reduced are cotton-seed oil, bacon and other food products, paraffine wax. canned salmon, windmills, dried or evaporated fruits, cotton ducking, sail twine and cotton rope. "On the other hand," says the statement, "the Argentine government demanded reciprocal concessions on the few articles she sends to this market. Among these was wool, and American woolgrowers have expressed fears that this would prove injurious to the domestic in The total import of wool in the United States for 1899 from all countries was 76,763,000 pounds. Of this, from the Argentine came only 7,997,000 pounds, which is very small portion of our aggregate imortation. It appears that our woolen factories require, notwithstanding high duties, certain amount of foreign wool to supplement the domestic product. There is no proposal for any reduction of wool duties n favor of any other foreign country. It is evident that the proposed reduction for Argentine wools alone can have no effect on our market prices. The majority of the wool is of the coarsest class (for carpets, etc.), which is not at all or but little supplied by this country.'

Senator Chandler left here to-day for Concord, N. H., in response to a summons to appear before the United States grand jury in the proceedings against his colleague, Senator Gallinger, on the charge of violating the civil-service law.

The secretary of the treasury to-day designated several additional national banks as government depositories to receive internal revenue receipts, and, it is said, will continue to do so until the total sum so deposited amounts to \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000. Deposits, however, will not be made with these additional banks until the banks comprising the first group, designated several days ago, have received deposits equal to the amount of bonds turned nto the treasury by them as security, which approximates \$17,600,000. It is ex pected that deposits will begin to be made under the new designation about Jan. 10. Any national bank owning or controlling United States bonds, willing to deposit the same in the treasury as security, including those now receiving deposits, is entitled to participate in this distribution of internal revenue receipts.

In the presence of officials of the Russian government, several naval officers and representatives of the Carnegie Steel Company an eight-inch Krupp plate, a part of that followed the crash, the clear, silvery a lot of armor intended for the Russian battleship Retvisan, now building at the Cramp shipyards, Philadelphia, was tested to-day at the Indian Head proving grounds The plate was 190 inches long, ninety-three inches wide and eight inches thick and curved. The gun used in making the test was an eight-inch rifle, the projectiles being armor-piercing shells, 250 pounds each the President, Shea responded as he did to in weight. The required striking velocity a similar inquiry from Father Chidwick was 1,780 feet per second. Four shots were at the time of the disaster: "I don't know fired at the corners of a twenty-eight-inch The striking velocity, as measured by the chronograph, was 1,837 feet per second for the first shot, 1,719 for the second, 1,815 for the third and 1,834 feet for the fourth. The penetration attained by the shells ranged from 11/4 to 25% inches. The plate did not crack under the test and was very little injured. The test was regarded by those

present as entirely satisfactory. To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$296,093,720; gold reserve, \$238,992,108.

The Post to-morrow will say: "In a few days charges will be filed before the finance committee of the Senate against the con firmation of ex-Representative William D. Bynum, of Indiana, as Democratic appointee for the New York Board of Appraisers. The minority members of that committee are determined to resist the installment of Mr. Bynum in that position. They will do so on the ground that he is not a Democrat, but has openly affiliated himself with the Republican party."

# GERMANY WIDE AWAKE.

Capturing Carrying Trade While Britain Is Fighting the Boers.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28.-Charles H. Cramp, in speaking of the extensive shipping facilities which England is employing in the conduct of its South African war, said: "No war in the history of Europe has ever used so much of the great transportation facilities of the ocean. To day practically every fast transatlantic liner in the merchant marine service of England has been impressed into the transport service and the effect will be most marked in the carrying trade of that country. Germany is already securing a profitable foothold in transatlantic navigation and she will maintain it for years to come. A sudden termination of the war would not result in the immediate return of these vessels to their former vocations. Some of them may be lost, others will be used for different purposes and still others will have become obsolete. Germany's merchant marine is assuming large proportions and her ocean carrying trade is increasing rapidly. She will leave no stone unturned to take advantage of the present situation which will prove beneficial to her interests."

Found Dead in Her Rocking Chair. ELLINWOOD, Kan., Dec. 28.-Mary Beck, forty-two years old, was found by one of her four children dead in her rocking chair, her throat cut and her forehead his mother say during the night she had killed some one and would kill herself. Her husband has been in the insane asylum for two years, and Mrs. Beck supported gone West and settled in Sacramento and her family by following the plow during

Washington and Pennsylvania Streets.



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### GREAT INSURANCE DEAL

TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND POLI-CIES TRANSFERRED AT ONCE.

Two Illinois Associations Amalgamated-Fight Against the Underwriters Opened in Mississippi.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 28.-By a vote of 17,097 to 76 the Covenant Mutual Life Association of this city decided to amalgamate with the Northwestern Life Assurance Company of Chicago. This is the largest insurance transfer on record, as the 28,000 members of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance Association, whose policies

aggregate \$45,000,000 will go over to the Northwestern Company in a body. There was much opposition among some mem bers of the Covenant Association to the transfer, and for a time it looked as though the deal would not be carried through, but a speech made by Judge Jacob Fawcett, of Omaha, carried the day for the amalgamation, and once the break was made in the ranks of the objectors they came over very fast, and at the close there was practically no opposition. The thing is likely to get into the courts, however, as some of the minority are determined to stop the transfer if it be possible. An attempt was made to-day to invalidate the proxies held by the officers of the Covenant Association, but it failed. The

As soon as the meeting adjourned, which was immediately after the transfer had been voted, President Smollinger, of the Covenant Association, signed the contract of transfer and gave a deed for the property of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance Company to Stewart Goodrell, of amounting to \$52,000, was turned over to the Northwestern Company. Goodrell holds the balance of the property and an amount of over \$300,000, with which he will liquidate the liabilities of the Covenant Mutual Life Association, amounting to \$336,000. By the amalgamation the Northwestern Company gets 28,000 new members, whose polcies amount to \$45,000,000. Stein denounces the transfer, and says

opposition is led by Simon Stein, of Chi-

he will begin injunction proceedings tomorrow for the purpose of having the action of to-day set aside.

All Will Be Cared For.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-Word was received at the office of the Northwestern Life In surance Company late this afternoon that the members of the Covenant Mutual Life Assurance Company had voted to transfer the entire business of the association to the Northwestern Life and become members of that association, which recently offered to take over all the members without a medical examination and place them on the mutual reserve basis. President Smollinger and the other officers of the Covenant Association will, it is understood, be taken care of by the Northwestern

Company. LIFE INSURANCE WAR.

Rates May Be Cut When the Rebate

Compact Expires. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- According to the Herald there is a strong possibility of war between the great life insurance companies with the beginning of the new year. The rebate compact which existed and which served to bind them together community of interest has been terminated, and this has been followed by the abrogation of the agreement between the New York and the Equitable Life, by which the same agents acted for the same companies

in certain territory. John A. McCall, president of the New York Life, dictated the following statement last night:

"The rebate compact which existed among all the companies is practically rendered inoperative by the withdrawal of the Equitable a short time ago. One of the reasons given was that any compact between companies might be construed as a violation of the laws of some of the States. A few weeks ago one of the foreign managers of the Equitable informed our agency department that an agreement as to employment of agents entered into several rears ago was terminated as far as his territory was concerned. On receipt of this last notice we thought the time had arrived to terminate the remainder of the agreements and start the new year without a compact of any kind in force. There is the executors to be administered for the no hostility on our part toward the Equitable. They are honorable competitors. We shall do as we please about our business, and they are free to do as they please about their business. In spite of Mr. McCall's pacific attitude there is a belief among insurance men that war may be precipitated between the companies at any time. As they control in the

FIGHT AGAINST THE POOL. Mississippi Enters the Courts to Oust

the Underwriters.

aggregate hundreds of millions of capital,

the contest will be titanic should it once

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 28.-Attorney General Wiley N. Nash has created consternation in insurance circles by filing a bill of information in the Hinds County Circuit Court declaring that all insurance companies doing business in the State and acknowledging allegiance to the Southeastern Tariff Association have violated the State law regarding trusts and combines. He asks that their franchises and charters be canceled and that the companies be prevented from transacting further business in Mississippi. For the past several months there has been a lively agitation in Mississippi on the subject of insurance and the action of the attorney general is the commencement of what promises to be a bitter fight. In his declaration the attorney general states that, by uniting or pooling their interests and establishing a set of rates from which the underwriters are not allowed to vary, the have violated the State law. Local agents are at a loss as to what action to take bruised. One of the children said he heard and are wiring their managers to come to the scene as soon as possible for the purpose of fighting the quo warranto proceedings, which will be called at the sitting of the Hinds County Circuit Court, which meets two weeks hence. General Nash's term expires in January, but the new attorney general, Monroe E. McClurg, prom-

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ises to carry the fight on. It is estimated that fully \$25,000,000 worth of policies are carried by the thirty-one companies named in the bill of information.

## WILLS OF MILLIONAIRES

HOW THE LATE JOHN I. BLAIR DI-VIDED HIS ESTATE.

DeWitt C. Blair the Chief Legatee-Youth's Companion Given to Baptist Social Union by D. S. Ford.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- The will of the late John I. Blair was offered for probate in the surrogate's office at Belvidere, N. J., to-day, by his only surviving child, Dewitt C. Blair. The document is very long and characteristic of the man in many ways. Chicago, as trustee. The advance cash, It was executed on March 5, 1878, when Mr. Blair was seventy-six years of age, contains no codicils, and, so far as known, is the only will he ever executed. To his wife, who was living when the will was made, he gave an annuity and the use of the homestead in which she had always lived. He also bequeathed to her his horses and carriages and provided for their maintenance. A large number of small bequests and trusts are made to various friends and connections, many of which have lapsed by death. Mr. Blair also remembered the two churches in Blairstown-the First Presbyterian Church, which he attended, as well as the Methodist Episcopal Church. He provided also for a certain number of bonds to be set aside for the benefit of the church at Oxford, where his parents are buried. The Blair Presbyterian Academy. at Blairstown, N. J., which Mr. Blair founded and maintained for many years, is given the sum of \$115,000. The Pres Church at Blairstown receives \$10,000, the Oxford Church \$15,000 and the Methodist Church \$1,000. To each of his daughter's

children he gives cash and bonds to the amount of \$500,000. Both of Mr. Blair's daughters died many years ago, but in his will he makes liberal provision for their children. His daugh who married Charles Scribner, the publisher, left five children at her death, to whom a large amount of stocks and bonds is left for life, their children ultimately to receive the principal. The same provis is made for Clarence B. Mitchell, son o Clarence G. Mitchell, who married Mr. Blair's youngest daughter. All of these se-curities are enumerated in detail in the text of the will. Their value is difficult to determine, as most of them are not quo to-day, but, in all probability. amount to several millions. All the re der of the estate, real and personal, of whatsoever character and wheresoever may be situated, is gevised and bequeathe to Dewitt C. Blair, his heirs and as

executor and trustee and in both capacities vested with one fullest powers.

forever. D. C. Blair is also named as sole

Daniel S. Ford's Bequests. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 28.-The will of the late Daniel Sharp Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, filed for probate in the Middlesex County Court to-day, disposes of an estate of about \$2,500,000. The will gives \$77,000 direct to public charitable and religious institutions, mostly in Massachusetts, and provides annulties for others. The will also bequeaths \$350,000 to the Baptist Social Union, subject to conditions, among them, that it shall become a cor poration within two years after the testator's death. This sum is to be used for the erection of a building for the use of the mion. The entire Youth's Companion plant, with certain real estate, is left with benefit of the Baptist Social Union. the residue one-sixth goes to the American Baptist Home Mission and one-ninth cach

to several New England charities. Gave Away \$460,000.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28 .- The will of the late Josephus Forbes bequeaths \$400,-000 to be divided between St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Ladies' Seamen's Friends' Society, the latter to receive, one third of the estate. St. Paul's Church is directed to erect a chapel on the site where the old Forbes mansion now stands and also to erect a home for aged and infirm

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